

# UNIT 30: DIXON ENTRANCE

## MANAGEMENT INTENT

This unit consists almost entirely of submerged lands. It will be managed to recognize and maintain its importance as a commercial fisheries area and as a major marine transportation route leading into the waters of Kaigani Strait and Cordova Bay.

This unit should be re-evaluated if the U.S. Department of the Interior proceeds with a proposed oil and gas lease offering in the Gulf of Alaska on any tracts near the planning area. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared, but due to low industry interest, the proposed lease offering was deferred. As new information becomes available, it will be incorporated in future revisions of this plan. Potential conflicts between fish and wildlife resources and uses, and development of subsurface resources may need to be identified and evaluated.

The Canadian government considered renewing oil and gas exploration activities off the British Columbia coast that were suspended in 1972. An Environmental Assessment Panel was appointed in 1984 to review potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of renewed offshore oil and gas exploration. The annual review of this plan will consider any potential impacts within the planning area if oil and gas exploration activities resume in Canadian waters.

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation maps for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

## PROHIBITED USES

None

## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Refer to Chapter 2 for guidelines common to this and all management units.

## NOTES

The unit receives intensive use by salmon trollers and purse seiners during the commercial fishing seasons.